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Unemployment Rates Down for the Sixth Consecutive Month, Jobs Up in Most Metro Areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	September 2021*	September 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.0%	5.8%	-1.8
Carbondale-Marion	4.8%	6.8%	-2.0
Champaign-Urbana	4.1%	5.6%	-1.5
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	6.1%	12.2%	-6.1
Danville	5.6%	7.8%	-2.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.1%	6.7%	-2.6
Decatur	6.9%	9.4%	-2.5
Elgin	4.9%	7.8%	-2.9
Kankakee	5.5%	7.8%	-2.3
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.3%	6.8%	-2.5
Peoria	5.1%	7.6%	-2.5
Rockford	7.7%	9.3%	-1.6
Springfield	4.8%	7.3%	-2.5
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.5%	7.1%	-2.6
Illinois Statewide	5.5%	10.1%	-4.6
* Preliminary ** Revised			

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in September for the sixth consecutive month according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Jobs were up in twelve metropolitan areas and down in two.

“While today’s data shows us how much has improved across the state over the last year, we know there is still room for further recovery and to get people back to the workforce,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “The Pritzker administration and IDES are committed to enhancing this recovery period by working with employers and dislocated workers to assist them in their search for jobseekers and career opportunities.”

Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in twelve metropolitan areas and decreased in two. The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Kankakee MSA (+3.1%, +1,300), the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+3.0%, +3,500), and the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division (+3.0%, +105,200). Total nonfarm jobs were down

in the Bloomington MSA (-0.6%, -500) and the Rockford MSA (-0.2%, -300). The industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Leisure & Hospitality (fourteen areas); Transportation, Warehousing & Public Utilities (thirteen areas); Government (ten areas); Other Services (nine areas) and Educational & Health Services (eight areas).

Over-the-year, the unemployment rate decreased in all 14 metropolitan areas; the metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Chicago Metro Division (-6.1 points to 6.1%), the Elgin Metro Division (-2.9 points to 4.9%) and the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (-2.6 points to 4.1%) and the Illinois section of the St. Louis, MO-IL MSA (-2.6 points to 4.5%). The unemployment rate also decreased over-the-year in all 102 counties for the sixth consecutive month.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) –September 2021

Metropolitan Area	September 2021*	September 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	87,600	88,100	-500
Carbondale-Marion MSA	56,700	55,400	1,300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	118,300	114,800	3,500
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,593,700	3,488,500	105,200
Danville MSA	26,300	25,800	500
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	177,500	174,300	3,200
Decatur MSA	47,800	47,100	700
Elgin Metro Division	243,200	240,400	2,800
Kankakee MSA	43,900	42,600	1,300
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	407,300	400,100	7,200
Peoria MSA	164,500	161,500	3,000
Rockford MSA	139,600	139,900	-300
Springfield MSA	103,700	102,100	1,600
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	233,900	231,000	2,900
Illinois Statewide	5,849,800	5,684,000	165,800
*Preliminary **Revised			

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates
(percent) for Local Counties and Areas**

Labor Market Area	Sep 2021	Sep 2020	Over the Year Change
Bloomington MSA			
De Witt County	4.1 %	5.6 %	-1.5
McLean County	4.0 %	5.8 %	-1.8
Peoria MSA			
Marshall County	4.4 %	6.1 %	-1.7
Peoria County	6.3 %	9.2 %	-2.9
Stark County	4.3 %	5.8 %	-1.5
Tazewell County	4.1 %	6.5 %	-2.4
Woodford County	3.3 %	4.9 %	-1.6
Ottawa-Streator Area	4.7 %	7.3 %	-2.6
Bureau County	4.0 %	6.1 %	-2.1
LaSalle County	5.0 %	7.7 %	-2.7
Putnam County	4.2 %	6.6 %	-2.4
Galesburg Area			
Knox County	5.5 %	7.8 %	-2.3
Cities			
Bloomington City	4.6 %	6.6 %	-2.0
Galesburg City	6.2 %	9.0 %	-2.8
Normal Town	3.8 %	5.6 %	-1.8
Pekin City	4.9 %	7.3 %	-2.4
Peoria City	7.3 %	10.5 %	-3.2
Counties & Areas			
Fulton County	4.7 %	6.8 %	-2.1
Hancock County	3.5 %	5.3 %	-1.8
Henderson County	3.2 %	4.7 %	-1.5
Henry County	3.9 %	6.4 %	-2.5
Livingston County	4.1 %	5.6 %	-1.5
Logan County	4.0 %	5.8 %	-1.8
Mason County	4.4 %	6.7 %	-2.3
Warren County	3.8 %	5.3 %	-1.5
LWIA 14	3.9 %	5.6 %	-1.7

Central Illinois Highlights

Bloomington MSA: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.0 percent in September 2021 from 5.8 percent in September 2020.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased by -500. The largest declines were reported in Financial Activities (-1,100) and Government (-400). Leisure-Hospitality (+500), Construction (+400), Educational-Health Services (+300), and Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+100) had payroll gains over the year.

Peoria MSA: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.1 percent in September 2021 from 7.6 percent in September 2020.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased by +3,000. The largest declines were reported in Retail Trade (-1,100), Professional-Business Services (-500), and Financial Activities (-200). Leisure-Hospitality (+1,600), Educational-Health Services (+1,400), and Manufacturing (+1,000) had the largest payroll gains over the year.

Ottawa-Streator Area: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.7 percent in September 2021 from 7.3 percent in September 2020. Over the year, nonfarm payrolls decreased by -150. Construction-Mining (-250), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-225), and Financial Activities (-150) posted the largest declines. Leisure-Hospitality (+300) and Government (+175) had the largest payroll gains over the year.

Galesburg Area-Knox County: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.5 percent in September 2021 from 7.8 percent in September 2020. Nonfarm payroll employment decreased by -75. The largest declines were reported in Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-225) and Educational-Health Services (-150) sectors from a year ago. Government (+250) and Manufacturing (+50) had the largest payroll gains over the year.

Pontiac Area-Livingston County: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent in September 2021 from 5.6 percent in September 2020.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased by +125. Educational-Health Services (-50) and Information (-50) posted declines from a year ago. Government (+50), Professional-Business Services (+50), Manufacturing (+50), and Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+50) had the largest payroll gains over the year.

Note: Monthly 2020 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2021, as required by the U.S. BLS. Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid. The official monthly unemployment rate series for metro areas, counties and most cities begins in 1990. The official monthly nonfarm jobs series for metro areas begins in 1990 and for non-metropolitan counties it begins in 1999.